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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING
NOVEMBER 30, 1973:

QUOTE: Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORTED BREAK-
OFF OF THE 101 TALKS?

A. I WOULD ONLY SAY THAT, IN GENERAL, I STAY WITH THE
POSITION I HAD YESTERDAY -- TO WHICH I WOULD ADD THAT WE
HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE TWO IMMEDIATELY CONCERNED
PARTIES, COUNTRIES. AND AS I MADE VERY CLEAR YESTERDAY,
THE PROGRAM BEFORE US, IS TO GET THIS CONFERENCE STARTED.

Q. AND DO YOU STILL EXPECT IT TO START IN DECEMBER?

A. YES.

Q. CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN MECHANICALLY, IN
ORDER TO GET THE CONFERENCE STARTED NOW?

A. WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN PHYSICALLY WILL BE THAT THE
COUNTRIES WHO HAD BEEN APPROACHED WILL HAVE TO INDICATE
Q. TO WHO?

A. TO -- I WILL HAVE TO STICK WITH THIS: THE REACTION WILL
HAVE TO HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHO WILL ISSUE THE INVITATION. HE
WILL THEN, PRESUMABLY, MAKE THE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS;
AND THE CONFERENCE WOULD THEN ORGANIZE ITSELF INHERENTLY.

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Q. DOES THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INVITE
OBSERVERS? OR IS THIS ANOTHER FACTOR SUBJECT TO THE WILL
OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, PLUS THE UNITED NATIONS? WHO
MAKES THESE DECISIONS?

A. IN ALL ARRANGEMENTS OF THIS NATURE, THE DECISIONS ARE
CUSTOMARILY THE RESULT OF THE WILL OF ALL PARTIES CON-
CERNED, AND THAT REQUIRES AN INFINITE AMOUNT OF DIPLOMACY

ON THE PART OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

Q. DOES THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INVITE THE PLO'S AS AN OBSERVER AND GIVE THEM OBSERVER STATUS AT THAT CONFERENCE?

A. IT IS NOT A MATTER OF AUTHORITY. IF HE IS GOING TO SET UP A CONFERENCE, HE WON'T HAVE A CONFERENCE UNLESS HE HAS SET UP AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS SATISFACTORY TO THE PARTICIPANTS. SO IT IS NOT AUTHORITY THAT IS INVOLVED, IT IS DIPLOMACY. END QUOTE. RUSH

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